of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and State Government for possible cut of 10% in demand. On the basis of feedback from the State Government/DAC idea of curtailing demand of DAP was dropped.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to chemical fertilizer units

†32. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need of Rs. 31,368 crore has been estimated in various forms for smooth running of chemical fertilizer producing units in the Government sector in the country;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) the annual production capacity of these chemical fertilizer units in terms of each fertilizer; and

(d) the quantum of each chemical fertilizer imported to meet the demand during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) All the fertilizer producing units in the Government sector are running profitably except for M/s BVFCL, M/s FACT and M/s MFL. The above three companies have been running into losses due to various reasons. The Companies have been requesting for Government support in the form of grant, soft loan, special dispensation under subsidy regime etc. from time to time in order to sustain operations of their plant.

In this context, a financial restructuring package has already been sanctioned for FACT in the month of March, 2008. Further, a financial restructuring package for MFL and BVFCL is under active consideration of the Government.

(c) The annual production capacity of fertilizer units in Government Sector is as under:-

Unit name	Production Capacity (000 MTs)		
	Urea	DAP	Complex
1	2	3	4
BVFCL-II	240.0	0.0	0.0
BVFCL-III	315.0	0.0	0.0
GNFC	636.9	—	142.5
NFL-Nangal	478.8	0.0	0.0

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
NFL-Bhatinda	511.5	0.0	0.0
NFL-Panipat	511.0	—	—
NFL-Vijaipur	864.6	—	—
NFL-Vijaipur Exp.	864.6	—	—
GSFC	370.5	—	—
RCF	1706.8	0.0	0.0
MFL	486.8	0.0	840.0
KRIBHCO	1729.2	0.0	0.0

(d) The Import of various subsidized fertilizers during last three years is as below:

Qty. in LMT

Yearwise import of DAP, MAP and MOP

Product	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
DAP	28.76	28.75	27.24
MAP	0.00	0.00	2.66
MOP	45.28	34.48	44.20
TSP	0.00	0.00	0.00
UREA	20.57	47.19	69.28

Subsidy on chemical fertilizers

33. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of subsidy being given by Government on chemical fertilizers has been substantially increased in the year 2007-08 in comparison to the year 2003-04 in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy given during the years 2003-04 and 2007-08; and

(c) the price of each chemical fertilizer being used in the country during the aforesaid years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total fertilizer subsidy disbursed during the year 2003-04 was Rs. 11835 crore only as compared to Rs. 40,338 crore released during the year 2007-08.